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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else...I use Pay Pal. If any of you wish to pay for anything including HA or the Ultimate History, you may. Please add \$.75 to \$15 for HA to cover my costs on Pay Pal. HA would be \$15.75. The Ultimate History would be \$55 plus \$2 (\$57); Check with me for costs for other items. My email address for Pay Pal is <jayhick@aol.com>.. Hello Again is being mailed early so updates of the FOTR convention will arrive in plenty of time.

SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Also the 5th supplement to the Necrology is available for \$1.00

The 2001 “2nd Revised Ultimate History” with the first supplement is now available. The cost is \$51 plus \$4. Please send information for the second supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2003.

CONVENTION 2003: Dates are Oct 23 – 26, 2003 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site name at end of HA. Update enclosed.

CONVENTION 2002: 2002 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: berney@fred.net

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it... Chattanooga Airwaves, July-August; article about products made popular by radio...Radiogram, Aug; articles about Bob Hope; Charles Michelson; Tyler McVey; Baseball and the Telegraph...Return With Us Now, Aug; article about An Announcer's Dilemma (Kenny Delmar); The Green Hornet...Radio Recall, Aug; articles about Tom Howard; Capt. Midnight's Uniform...Jot 'em Down Journal, Aug; articles about Robert Stack and of course, Lum and Abner

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571..Charles Herrold, Inventor of Radio Broadcasting by Gordon Gerb and Mike Adams; McFarland; 2003; softcover; 259 pages; photographs and illustrations; \$45.00; The first radio station still broadcasting today (KCBS in San Francisco) was invented by Charles Herrold in 1909.(1-800-253-2187) or (336-246-4460)

CONVENTIONS:

28th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 23 - 26 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr/> (all lower case)

SPERDVAC Convention, November 7 - 9 at the Hacienda Hotel at LAX. Bobb Lynes will be the convention chair. (Details below)

18th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 16 - 17, 2004; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

SPERDVAC's 2003 Old Time Radio Convention will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 7, 8, and 9 at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd. El Segundo, CA 90245, near LAX. There is a special rate for hotel rooms for convention attendees of \$59 plus tax per room per night. For hotel reservations call 1-800-421-5900 and mention SPERDVAC Old Time Radio Convention. There is a free shuttle to and from LAX for our out-of-town visitors.

The cost is \$135 for members preregistered (\$160 for preregistered non-members) for all three days. There will be prices for individual events for those who do not wish to attend the entire convention. A registration form is on the web site at www.sperdvac.org If you don't have access to the internet you can write to convention chair Bobb Lynes, P.O. Box 628, South Pasadena, CA 91031 or call SPERDVAC toll-free at (877) 251-5771. SPERDVAC will have a program booklet this year. Dealers and clubs are encouraged to submit ads. Advertising rates for our printed program will be \$100 for full page 8 by 11 (camera ready), \$50 half page, and \$25 quarter page. Contact Bobb Lynes, P.O. Box 628, South Pasadena, CA 91031, iairotr@hotmail.com

There will be a dealers room again this year. Dealers tables are only \$40 per eight-foot table. If you'd like a table, contact Glenn Mueller, 18716 East Aguiro Street, Rowland Heights, CA 91748, Durangokid@worldnet.att.net Make checks/money orders payable to SPERDVAC. There is free admission to the dealers room beginning at 1 pm on Friday afternoon. On Saturday the dealers room will be open from 9 am to dinner time. The latest information on activities and guests will be posted on SPERDVAC's web site at www.sperdvac.org On Friday the panels will begin at 1 pm. Friday evening after the banquet there will be two recreations: one by 30 Minutes to Curtain, directed by Barbara Watkins, and one directed by Herb Ellis. Titles to be announced. On Saturday there will be panels in the morning and afternoon. At 1 pm there will be a performance of radio drama by New Frequency. Later in the afternoon Walden Hughes will MC a panel of singers. Other panels will be announced when confirmed. Saturday evening there will again be two recreations, one directed by Gregg Oppenheimer of "The Maltese Falcon" as presented on ACADEMY AWARD. Hal Stone will direct the other. Sunday brunch will be from 9 am to 11:30 am. Plans to be announced. Go to SPERDVAC's web site at www.sperdvac.org for the latest information on activities and guests.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...**The OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmc/otrbuffalo/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <members.shaw.ca/dougosmonek>...new email is <dougosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box

1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602
 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com> (WEB) www.radiomemories.com....**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Satellite Video Production** (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater)...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... **Max Schmid**, 46-07 28th Ave. Floor 2, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. Received new catalog from **Radio Memories**. There are many new shows in it. **Audio Classics Archive**; much variety; some specials until 9/30; Box 13; Frontier Gentleman; **Great American Radio**, vintage movies (Aldrich Family; Charlie Chan; Boston Blackie; Lone Wolf)...**AVPRO**; Wonder Show; Our Miss Brooks; Honest Harold...

NEW FRIENDS: **Richard Stone**, 125-10 Queens Blvd. #2411, Kew Gardens, NY 11415...**James Orford**, 510 No. Jefferson, Bay City, MI 48708...**Richard Badenhop**, 6323 W Wisconsin Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213.

OLD FRIENDS: **Joe Webb** has some Teac X-300 reel to reel decks in good shape that he is willing to trade for high quality mp3 digital recordings. He has recently been transferring the disk dubs he made in the late 1970s into digital format (Counterspy, Cisco Kid, Green Hornet, many others). Joe can be contacted at drjoewebb@yahoo.com

NEW ADDRESSES: **Beth Holman**, 15297 Baldwin Ct., Ste 101, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130

IN FOND MEMORY: (Corrections to last issue; **Tyler McVey** died July 4 not 5th; also **Charles Michelson** died July 4th)...**Bob Hope**, Jul 27, 100...**Tex McCrary**, July 28, 92; helped create the talk-show format on radio...**True Boardman**, Aug 4, 93; Actor, writer (Silver Theater)...**Lesley Woods**, Aug 2, 90; Actress; many radio shows...**Jinx Falkenburg**, Aug 27, 84; Half of Tex and Jinx, New York talk-show hosts on radio, one of the first couples to do this...**Gisele MacKenzie**, Sep 5, 76; Canadian singer, violinist; appeared on TV on Your Hit Parade and many Jack Benny radio and television programs

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION 2003: UPDATE # 2

October 23 – 26, 2003

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister. If you do not let me know what food you want on Thursday, you will get London Broil. Those coming for the day on Friday and Saturday will save \$7 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$20.

Guest Changes

New Guests: Dick Monda (Actor, Singer), Ira Skutch (Producer, director of TV game shows), Kathryn Crosby (actress, widow of Bing Crosby), Bobby Ramsen (Let's Pretend) (comedian); Betsy Palmer (I've Got a Secret; Friday the 13th)

Returnees: Bob Mott

Not coming: Tommy Cook

Dealers

There are a few tables left.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 10th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): Some authors will have their own tables; "Words at War" by *Howard Blue; "Frank and Anne Hummert's Radio Factory" by Jim Cox; "Radio Crime Fighters" by Jim Cox; "Walter B Gibson" by Thomas Shimeld; "Encyclopedia of Women in Radio" by Leora and Luther Sies; "Invisible Stars" by Donna Halper; 4 books edited or written by *Ira Skutch (5 Directors; I Remember TV; TV's Golden Age; Dumont TV Network); "Aw...Relax, Archie! Re-Laxx!") by *Hal Stone; Martin Grams, Jr., Kathryn Crosby and Michael Hayde will have own tables. Ben Ohmart will have 10 books at our table. Also "Arturo Toscanini, The NBC Years" by Mortimer Frank

The Second Supplement to my Second Revised Ultimate History will be for sale.

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Call the Holiday Inn-North directly during business hours for reservations (1-973-589-1000) or (1-973-854-7817) and ask for Isabel. Also call the 800 numbers for Howard Johnson and the Sheraton for the best prices.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 10th)

Wednesday: Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night
Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.